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Getting there

Air Namibia operate direct flights from London Gatwick to Windhoek, Namibia twice weekly. An alternative worth checking out is to fly via Johannesburg or Cape Town. Connections from Windhoek to Victoria Falls, Cape Town and Mozambique (via Johannesburg) are possible for guests wanting to extend their trip.

When to go

Namibia's dry season runs from May to September, with temperatures from 20-25C during the day and cooler nights. This coincides with high season and is a good time for wildlife viewing. Rainy seasons in Namibia run from October to April. Temperatures during these months are between 30-40C, with the most rain falling between January to March. The best time to visit is during the winter months from March to as days are warm and dry, and wildlife easier to spot as they tend to congregate at waterholes

Visas

Visas are not required for UK or Irish nationals. All visitors require a passport valid for at least six months after the period of their intended stay, and documents for return or onward travel. Passports should have at least two unused pages for endorsements by the Namibian Immigration Service. Note: Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travellers are advised to check their entry requirements with their embassy or consulate.

Health

The World Health Organisation (www.who.int/en/) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for hepatitis B.

Hepatitis A, malaria and typhoid are also recommended by the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for travel in Namibia. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up to date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Electricity supply

220v, 3pin South African plug. Adaptors are required to charge cameras, etc.

Money

Currency is the Namibian dollar which is linked to the South African rand. The rand is also legal tender in Namibia at a rate of 1:1.

What to bring

Binoculars, torch, walking shoes, swimming gear, plenty of high factor sunscreen, sunhat, insect repellent, camera, a day pack. Warm clothing is recommended for evenings, and a waterproof jacket. Lightweight clothing is recommended for the day. Avoid brightly coloured clothing for game viewing

